

After a 2-year investigation and thousands of man-hours on the part of Investigators Hash and Killmon, 14 drug- and violence-related arrests have been made and a cop killer now sits behind bars.

It is a privilege for me to honor the accomplishments of these outstanding members of my hometown police force on the House floor today. Because of their dedicated service of these two top cops and thousands of police officers throughout our Nation, our streets are safer for our families. For that we are all eternally grateful.

#### EXTENDING THE MEDICARE PART D DEADLINE

(Mr. BISHOP of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, with only 5 days before the deadline to sign up for the Medicare drug benefit, only 9 percent of eligible New Yorkers have voluntarily signed up for it.

Why such low enrollment? Could it be that seniors have to choose among 47 plans that keep changing? It is a daunting task to tackle a moving target.

Could it be that a third of the calls answered by Medicare operators result in inaccurate information or none at all? Could there be a more clear-cut case for extending the sign-up deadline?

Clearly, the President disagrees. To him, the "D" in part D stands for "deadline." But he is not a senior or a disabled American who needs and deserves more time and for whom "D" stands for disaster.

After holding dozens of town hall meetings over the past 6 months, I join with my colleagues today in calling upon the Republicans to extend the deadline, penalty free, through the end of the year.

For nine of 10 eligible New Yorkers who haven't chosen a plan yet, but must pick from among 47 plans, another 6 months will go a long way toward helping them choose a plan that is right for them.

#### REPUBLICANS CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, since 2003, the Bush tax cuts have helped all Americans by creating over 5.2 million jobs, reducing the unemployment rate to the lowest average in three decades, and growing the economy at a record pace. Thanks to the Home Builders Association, there is record homeownership.

Although Democrats have seen American families benefit from lower taxes, they continue to obstruct opportunities. Yesterday, House Democrats stuck to their tax-and-spend strategy.

When the House considered the tax reductions yesterday, 185 Democrats voted against this critical legislation. By voting against this bill, they clearly signaled their support for raising taxes on American families, American small businesses, and American investors.

Fortunately, House Republicans voted for this legislation so that Americans, not the Federal Government, have control over their hard-earned incomes. By passing this bill, we have helped create and ensure that our economy continues to grow, creating opportunities.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

#### VIETNAM HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the ongoing struggle for freedom and democracy in Vietnam. As we observe Vietnam Human Rights Day, it is clear that the struggle is far from over.

The most basic freedoms we enjoy, the freedom of speech, the freedom of the press, the freedom of assembly, the freedom of religion, these are not available in Vietnam.

Last month, 116 Vietnamese citizens signed an "Appeal For Freedom of Political Association," and 118 citizens signed a Manifesto on Democracy and Freedom For Vietnam.

But the government crackdown began almost immediately with raids, detainments, harassment, and abuse. Those who signed these documents placed themselves and their families and their friends at a great risk for a greater good.

What a compelling reminder that while the freedoms we enjoy are not universal, the thirst for freedom most certainly is.

I urge my colleagues to speak out on behalf of these brave men and women who continue to fight for the very basic human liberty through peaceful and nonviolent methods.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. SNYDER).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 31, nays 366, not voting 35, as follows:

[Roll No. 137]

#### YEAS—31

Allen	Jackson-Lee	Sánchez, Linda
Baird	(TX)	T.
Brown, Corrine	Johnson, E. B.	Sanchez, Loretta
Capuano	Lowey	Schakowsky
Clay	McDermott	Stark
Crowley	Miller, George	Taylor (MS)
Doggett	Nadler	Towns
Filner	Napolitano	Wasserman
Frank (MA)	Neal (MA)	Schultz
Grijalva	Obey	Waters
Hastings (FL)	Otter	Waxman
Honda		

#### NAYS—366

Abercrombie	Davis (AL)	Hostettler
Ackerman	Davis (CA)	Hoyer
Aderholt	Davis (FL)	Hulshof
Akin	Davis (IL)	Hunter
Alexander	Davis (KY)	Inglis (SC)
Baca	Davis (TN)	Inslee
Bachus	Davis, Jo Ann	Israel
Baker	Davis, Tom	Issa
Baldwin	Deal (GA)	Istook
Barrett (SC)	DeFazio	Jackson (IL)
Barrow	DeGette	Jenkins
Bartlett (MD)	DeLauro	Jindal
Barton (TX)	DeLay	Johnson (CT)
Bass	Dent	Johnson, Sam
Bean	Diaz-Balart, L.	Jones (NC)
Beauprez	Diaz-Balart, M.	Jones (OH)
Becerra	Dicks	Kanjorski
Berkley	Doolittle	Kaptur
Berman	Doyle	Keller
Berry	Dreier	Kelly
Biggert	Duncan	Kennedy (MN)
Billirakis	Edwards	Kildee
Bishop (GA)	Ehlers	Kilpatrick (MI)
Bishop (NY)	Emanuel	Kind
Bishop (UT)	Emerson	King (IA)
Blackburn	Engel	King (NY)
Blumenauer	Eshoo	Kingston
Blunt	Etheridge	Kirk
Boehlert	Everett	Kline
Boehner	Farr	Knollenberg
Bonilla	Fattah	Kolbe
Bonner	Feeney	Kucinich
Bono	Ferguson	Kuhl (NY)
Boozman	Fitzpatrick (PA)	LaHood
Boren	Flake	Langevin
Boswell	Foley	Lantos
Boucher	Forbes	Larsen (WA)
Boustany	Fortenberry	Larson (CT)
Boyd	Fossella	Latham
Bradley (NH)	Fox	LaTourette
Brady (PA)	Franks (AZ)	Leach
Brady (TX)	Frelinghuysen	Lee
Brown (OH)	Galleghy	Levin
Brown (SC)	Garrett (NJ)	Lewis (CA)
Brown-Waite,	Gerlach	Lewis (GA)
Ginny	Gibbons	Lewis (KY)
Burgess	Gilchrest	Linder
Butterfield	Gillmor	LoBiondo
Buyer	Gingrey	Lofgren, Zoe
Calvert	Gohmert	Lucas
Camp (MI)	Gonzalez	Lungren, Daniel
Campbell (CA)	Goode	E.
Cannon	Goodlatte	Lynch
Cantor	Gordon	Maloney
Capito	Granger	Manzullo
Capps	Graves	Marchant
Cardin	Green (WI)	Markey
Carnahan	Green, Al	Marshall
Carson	Green, Gene	Matheson
Carter	Gutierrez	Matsui
Case	Gutknecht	McCarthy
Castle	Hall	McCaul (TX)
Chabot	Harman	McCollum (MN)
Chandler	Harris	McCotter
Chocola	Hart	McCrery
Cleaver	Hastings (WA)	McGovern
Clyburn	Hayes	McHenry
Coble	Hayworth	McHugh
Cole (OK)	Hefley	McKeon
Conaway	Hensarling	McKinney
Cooper	Herger	McMorris
Costa	Herseth	McNulty
Costello	Higgins	Meehan
Cramer	Hinojosa	Meeks (NY)
Crenshaw	Hobson	Melancon
Cuellar	Hoekstra	Mica
Culberson	Holt	Michaud
Cummings	Hooley	